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THE DARK AGES



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MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE!
THE ONGOING SERIES!

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**FLOAT LIKE
A BUTTERFLY,
STING
LIKE A
BEE!**



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THE PRAETORUS
WHARF.

MIDWAY BETWEEN
IACON'S BORDER REGIONS
AND NOVA CRONUM.

ALTOBOOTS
MOVE!

WE CAN'T--
UNNG!

WHUMPH!

GGHG!

FWOOOM!

KROOF!

THE DARK AGES

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CAN'T
WHAT? CAN'T HARM
ME, SAVE YOURSELVES,
HOPE FOR HELP TO
ARRIVE IN TIME?

WELL, ANYWAY,
RIGHT ON *ALL*
COUNTS!

BUT DO *TRY* AND
RESIST. THIS IS SOMETHING OF A
TRIAL RUN FOR ME, AND I NEED TO
WORK ANY LINGERING *BUGS* OUT
OF THE SYSTEM...

MARK!

HHRZ. ALL OF
YOU...*MOVE!* MAYBE
WE CAN'T OUTGUN IT...

BUT I'M
BETTING WE CAN
OUTRUN IT!

YOU MEAN RUN IT IN
CIRCLES AND THEN POP IT
ONE IN THE EXHAUST VENT
WHEN IT *ISN'T* LOOKING?
MY KIND OF PLAN!

C'MON, LITTLE
BUDDY--*OVER*
YOU GO.

OHXX--*UFF!*
THANKS,
JAZZ.

SPLIT UP, FIND
COVER! WE'RE *WAY*
TOO EXPOSED OUT
HERE!

LET'S GIVE IT
SOME *MOVING*
TARGETS!



NOW
THIS...

...IS THE BIT
I *REALLY* LIKE!

SKART CHRM!!!

SKIDS!

THIS IS *PROWL*!
ALL AVAILABLE AUTOBOT
UNITS, REPORT ETA AT
PRAETORUS WHARF.
SITUATION CRITICAL!

WATG!

DAMMIT--

"--IS ANYONE
RECEIVING ME?"

ORBITAL TORUS
STATE: URAYA...

ALL I'M SAYING,
GRIMLOCK, IS IT WOULDN'T
HURT, JUST THIS ONCE.

FOR LAST TIME,
SWOOP--NO! LET
AUTOBOTS FIGHT THEIR
OWN BATTLES.

WE HAVE
APPOINTMENT
IN NEUTRAL
TERRITORIES.

JETFIRE,
RIGHT?

AND WHAT, IT'S GOING TO
TAKE ALL FIVE OF US TO KICK
HIS SORRY TURNCOAT TAIL?
C'MON! WHAT IS IT WITH
YOU AND HIM?

NO
COMMENT.

LOOK--IT'S NOT THAT
I CARE OVERMUCH *WHAT*
HAPPENS TO PROWL'S
MOB, IT'S JUST...

...I SO
WANT A CRACK AT
THAT DECEPTICON
BATTLE-BASE.

WE
ALL DO!

TOO
RIGHT!

THAT--

--IS
ENOUGH?

MATTER
NOT OPEN FOR
DEBATE!

KNEW JETFIRE *BEFORE*.
HIM AND SHOCKWAVE SHARE
SAME ALMIGHTY "WE KNOW MORE
THAN THOU" MINDSET, SAME GOALS.
NOW THEY MEET UP, IN SECRET,
IN NEUTRAL TERRITORIES.

ME LONG SUSPECT
JETFIRE PLAY *OWN* GAME,
NOW ME HAVE *PROOF*!

ONLY THING *WE*
KNOW FOR SURE IS THE
BATTLE IS *THAT* WAY!
SWOOP'S RIGHT... YOU
CAN HANDLE JETFIRE!

YOU CHALLENGE,
GRIMLOCK? ME BOSS
OF LIGHTNING STRIKE
COALITION, ME GIVE
ORDERS!

SLAG FOLLOW
ORDERS!

LOOK AT IT
THIS WAY, GRIMLOCK. AFTER
THAT DECEPTICON SECRET
WEAPON *BITES* INTO
AUTOBOT TERRITORY...

...WHERE DO YOU
THINK THEY'LL POINT
IT NEXT?

THE NEUTRAL
TERRITORIES:

FORMER FREE-TRADING/
SETTLEMENT ZONE...

WHERE
IS HE?

DID HE
CHANGE HIS MIND?
DID HE SUSPECT
A TRAP?

OR DID
I WALK INTO
ONE?

HE'S NOT
COMING. I--

ON THE
CONTRARY...

...I AM *ALREADY*
HERE, JETFIRE. I HAVE
BEEN SO FOR ONE POINT
TWO BREEMS.

A DEGREE OF CAUTION
SEEMED LOGICAL, GIVEN
OUR *CURRENT* RESPECTIVE
ALLEGIANCES.

SUCH
AS THEY
ARE.

BUT YOU *DID* COME,
SHOCKWAVE. BECAUSE,
LIKE ME, YOU KNOW THAT
SOMETHING IS LOOSE ON
CYBERTRON...AND IT HAS
US *ALL* IN ITS SIGHTS!

AND CYBERTRON...
IS WHAT IT'S ALWAYS
BEEN ABOUT.

YOU
HAVE THE
DISK?

PLANETARY
SURVEILLANCE,
EVENT-CORRELATED
WITH THE RECENT
UPSURGE IN
INTER-FACTION
ENGAGEMENTS.

TOGETHER,
THEY FORM A
FULL INITIATION
CHRONOLOGY...

...ONE THAT WE
CAN TRACE BACK
TO THE SOURCE OF
EVERY LEAK, EVERY ROGUE
FRAGMENT OF STRATEGIC
DATA THAT IS FINDING
ITS WAY INTO--

--THE *WRONG*
HANDS?

ZAKK!

ZOW!

HAARK!

THOSE
WOULD BE
OURS!

THE PRAETORUS
WHARF

AM, GOOD
REINFORCEMENTS!

HO-O-BOY! SURE
DIDN'T NEED MY PARTICULAR
SKILLS TO TRACK THIS BIG,
BAD 'BOT DOWN!

SOMEONE NAIL
THIS OVERSIZED SCRAPLET,
HE'S TAXING MY FORCEFIELD
TO THE MAX!

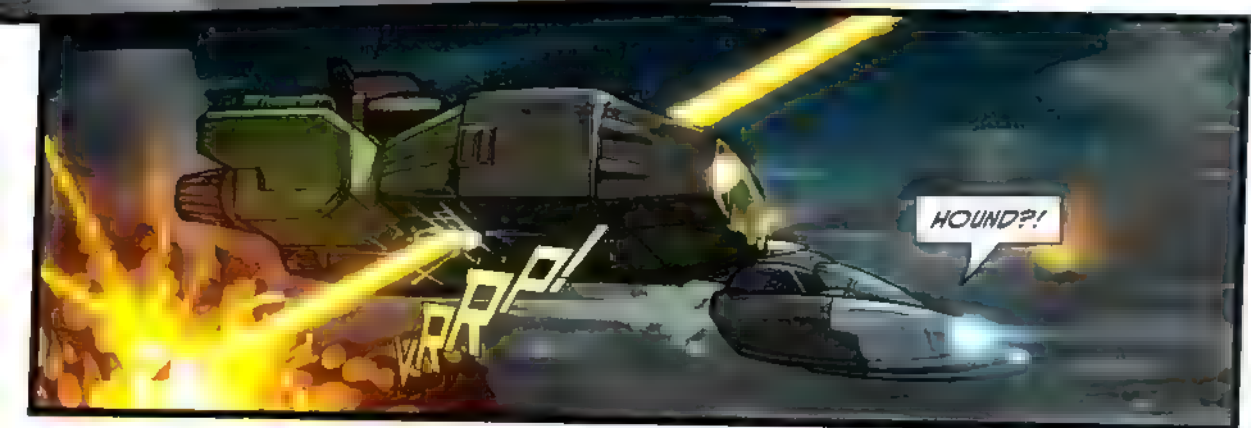
IN CASE YOU
HADN'T NOTICED,
TRAILBREAKER, WE'RE
TRYING! AND FAILING

WITH
STYLE!

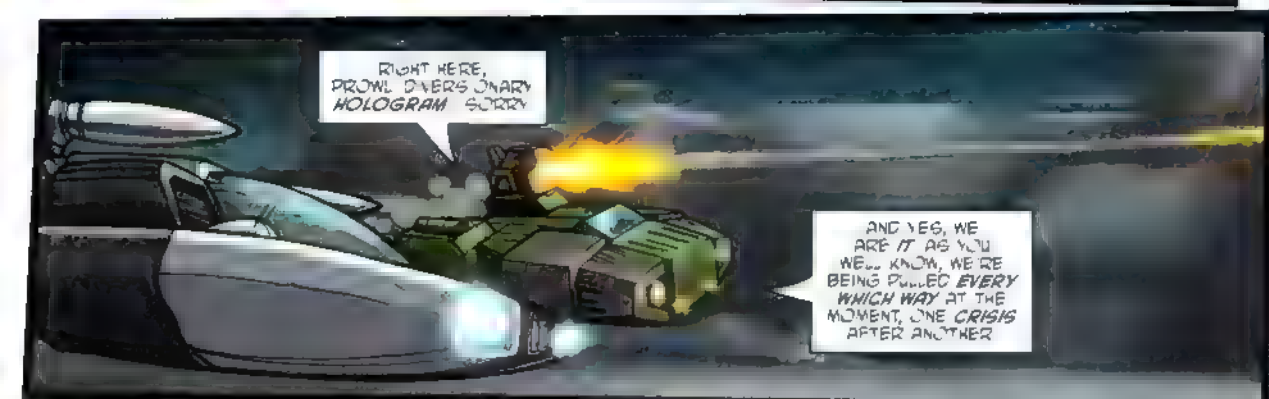


IS THIS
IT? EVERYONE YOU
COULD MUSTER?

HOUND?



HOUND?!



RIGHT HERE,
PROWL. OVERS JNARY
HOLOGRAM SORRY

AND YES, WE
ARE IT AS YOU
WELL KNOW, WE'RE
BEING PULLED EVERY
WHICH WAY AT THE
MOMENT, ONE CRISIS
AFTER ANOTHER



F I WERE
THE PARANOID
TYPE

THE NEUTRAL TERRITORIES

THE NEUTRAL TERRITORIES

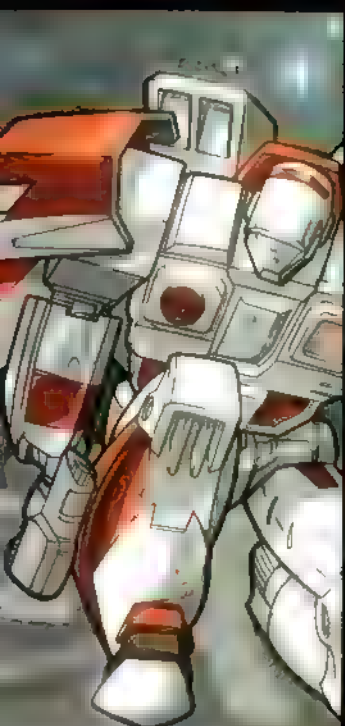
ONCE UPON A TIME, I'D HAVE NEVER DARED GO ONE-ON-ONE WITH YOU, SHOCKWAVE

BUT THESE DAYS



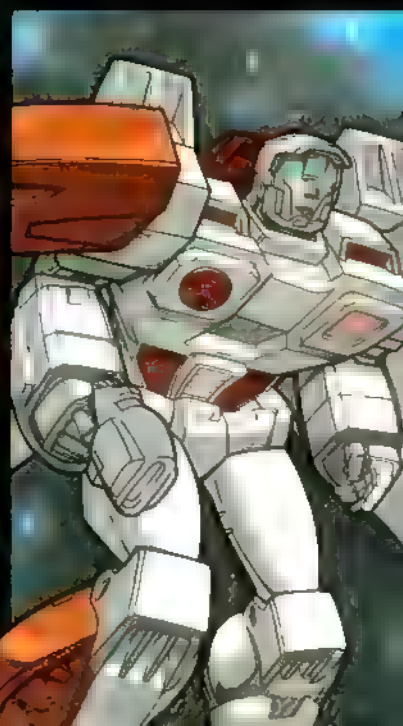
YOU WON'T BELIEVE THE THINGS WE CAN DO

POW!



YOU SHOULD LEARN TO OPEN YOUR MIND

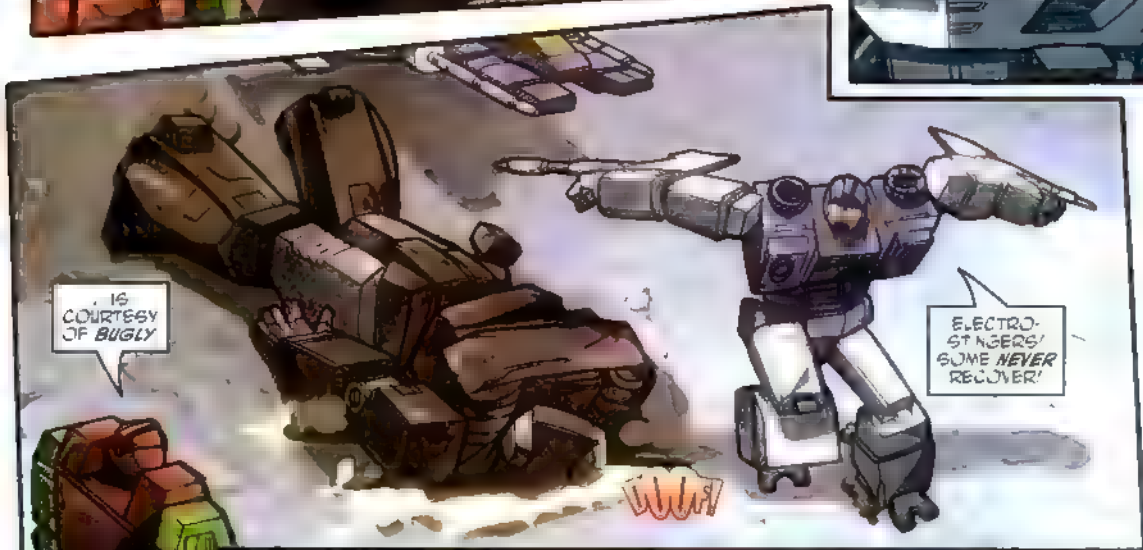
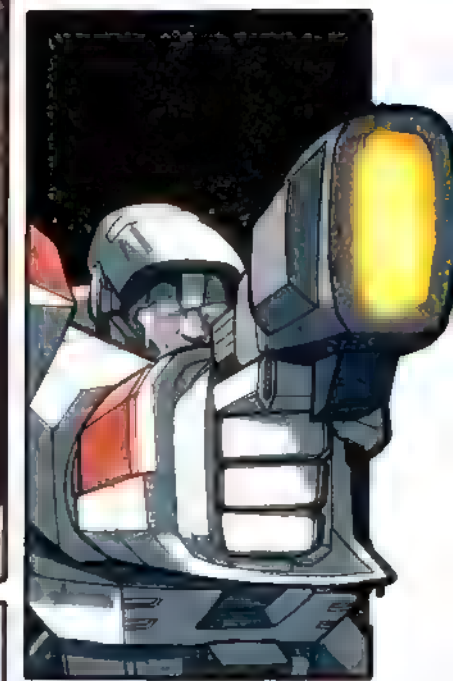
SEE THE BIGGER PICTURE!





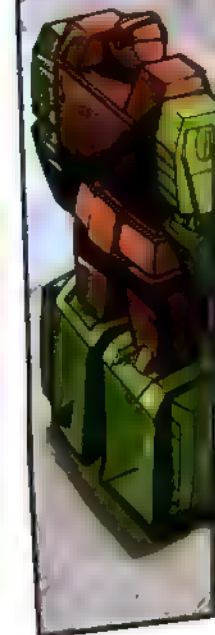
THAT'S *DARK SCIENCE*
FOR YOU! THERE ARE MORE
THINGS IN THE UNIVERSE AND
CYBERTRON THAN ARE *DREAMED*
OF IN YOUR PHILOSOPHY!

OK, AND THAT
CREEPING *PARALYSIS*
YOU'RE FEELING



... IS
COURTESY
OF BUGLY

ELECTRO-
STINGERS!
SOME NEVER
RECOVER!



BUT
THEN, IT'S NOT
HIM WE'RE
AFTER

IT'S
YOU!





ANY
FIGHT LEFT
IN YOU?

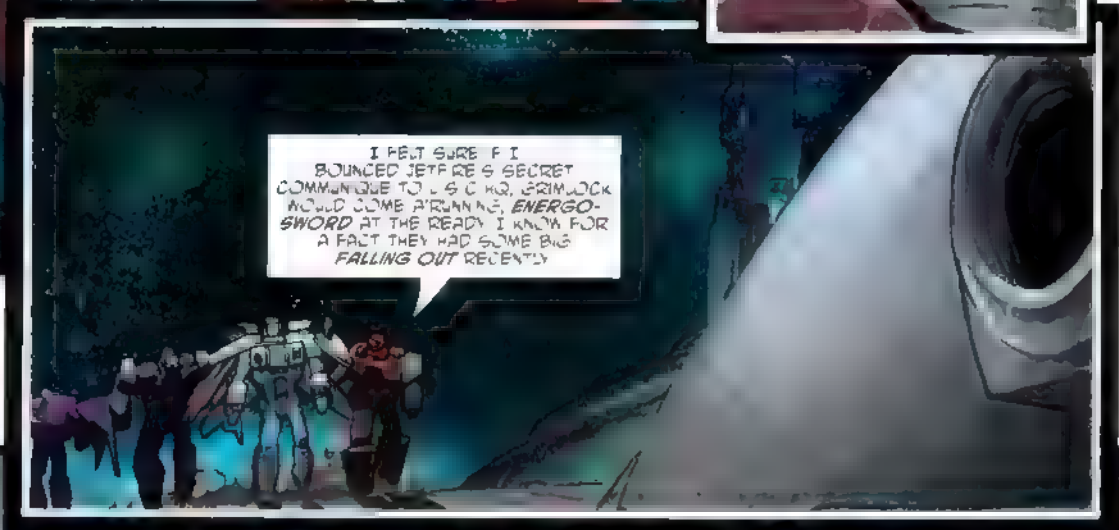
NO, THERE
WOULDN'T BE NOT
AFTER MINDWIPE ZAPPED
YOU WITH HIS HYPNOTIC
OPTICS

C'MON LET'S
GET YOU BACK
TO THE FALLEN



WHAT ABOUT
GRIMLOCK, BLUDGEON?
NO SIGN OF HIM

NO I
MISJUDGED
HIM

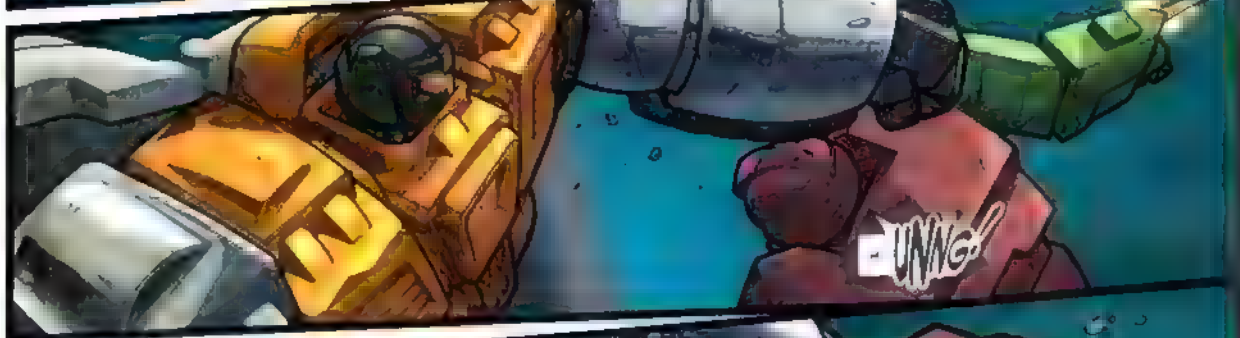
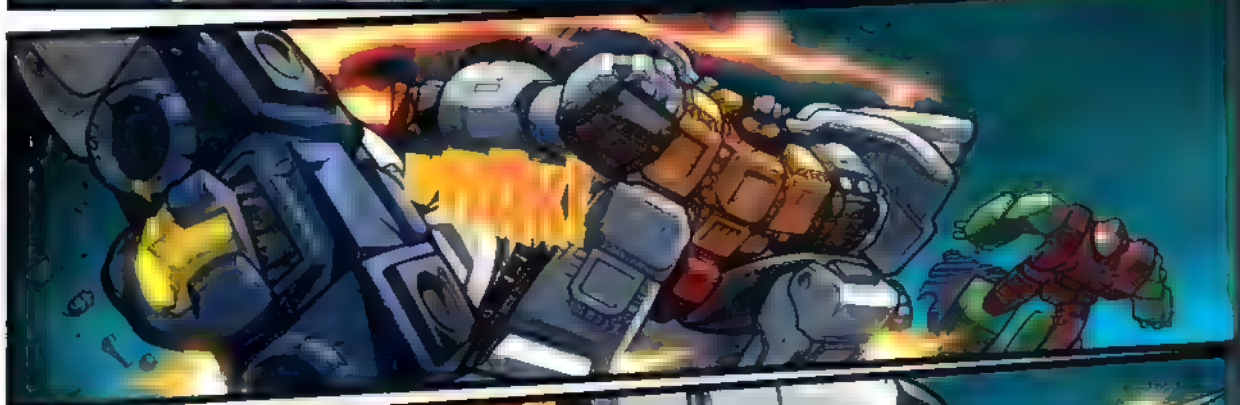


I FELT SURE F I
BOUNCED JETFRRE'S SECRET
COMMUNIQUE TO L&C HQ, GRIMLOCK
WOULD COME AIRLANNING, ENERGO-
SWORD AT THE READY I KNOW FOR
A FACT THEY HAD SOME BIG
FALLING OUT RECENTLY



JUST
GOES TO
SHOW

GOES
TO SHOW







TRADE
SECRET?

OH,
WELL, ER,
THANKS.

LOOK, I KNOW WE
HAVEN'T ALWAYS SEEN
EYE-TO-EYE, BUT RIGHT
NOW THIS HAS TO BE OUR
JOINT PRIORITY. BLUDGEON
MENTIONED A NAME, THE
FALLEN, AND... ER...

WHAT WAS
THAT THING ME
HAVE TO DO?

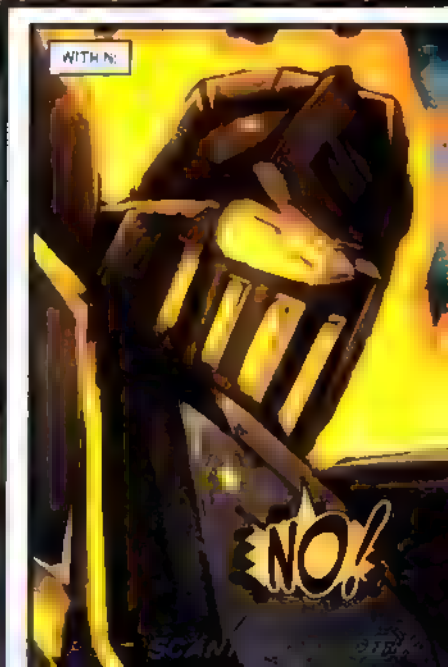
GRIMLOCK?

OH, YES

EXECUTE YOU
FOR TREASON!



CRASH!



WITH ME.

NO!

SCAM... BIE...

THE PRAETORIUS
WHARF

I DON'T MEAN
TO GET PERSONAL,
BUT WHO EXACTLY
DESIGNED YOU?

I MEAN
WHAT ARE YOU
EVEN SUPPOSED
TO BE?

UH-HUH-HH
PRETTY DUMB
LOOKING

OO- TEMPER,
TEMPER!

THAT'S A
NERVE THERE
SNARL, C.O.
BUDN

CONCENTRATE
YOUR FIRE

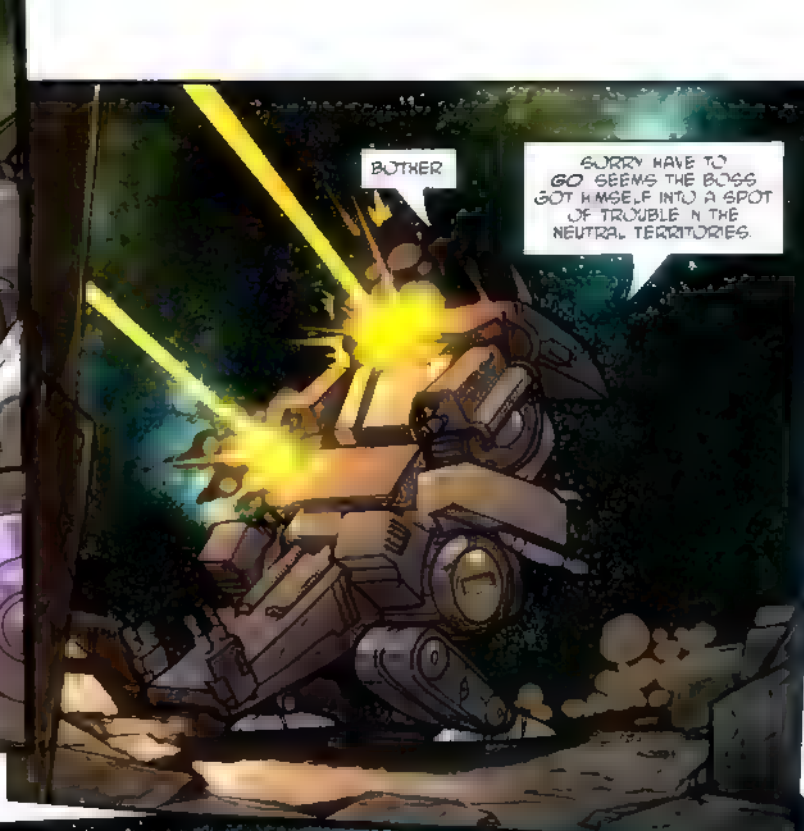
AIM FOR ANY
EXHAUST PORTS OR
VENTS THERE'S GOT
TO BE A WEAK SPOT
SOMEWHERE!

THERE'SNT
NOW HOLD STILL
I PROMISE, YOU'LL
BARELY FEEL

A

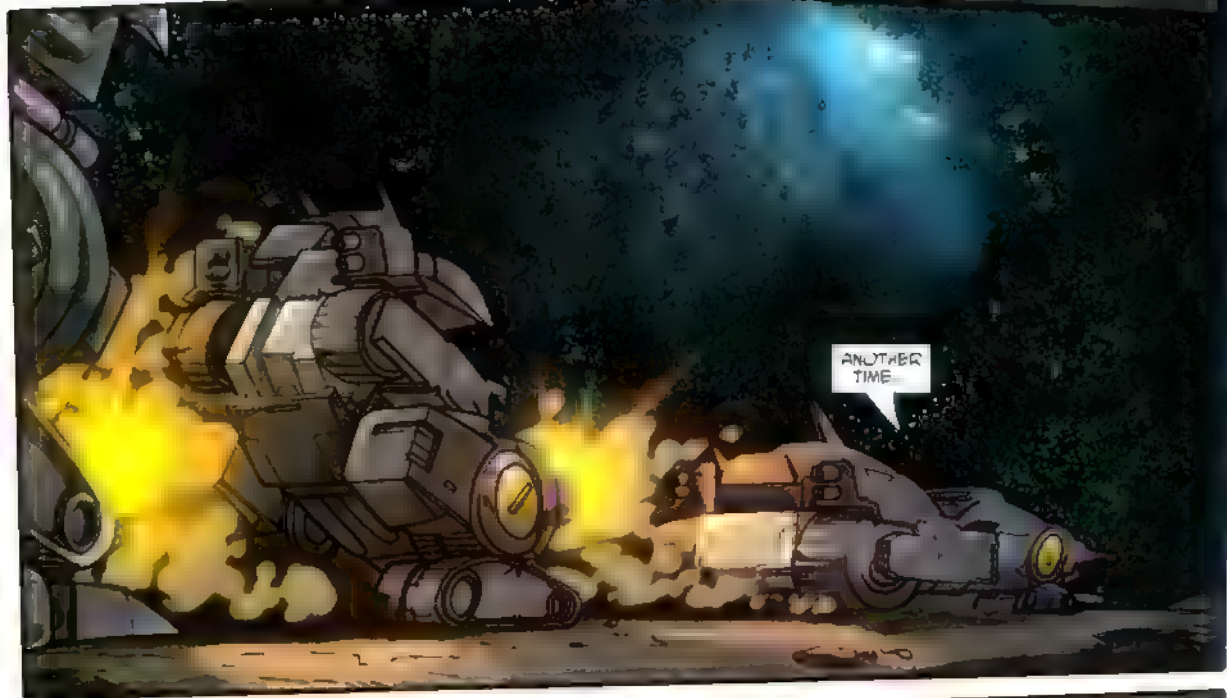


WHAT?
OH
RIGHT NOW?

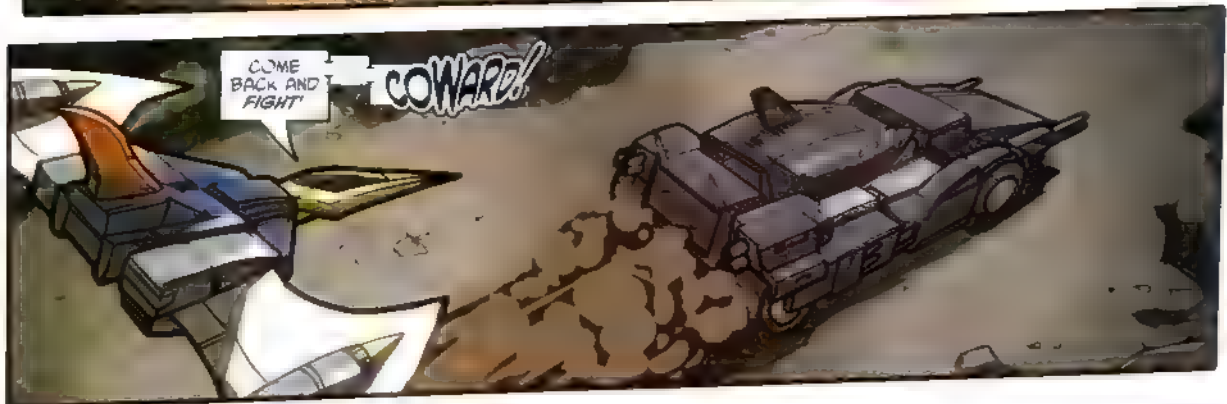


BUTHER

SORRY HAVE TO
GO SEEMS THE BOSS
GOT HIMSELF INTO A SPOT
OF TROUBLE N THE
NEUTRAL TERRITORIES



ANOTHER
TIME



COME
BACK AND
FIGHT!

COWARD!

THE NEUTRAL
TERRITORIES

W WAIT
WAIT!

THIS ISN'T
WHAT YOU THINK!
GRIMLOCK!

RAK

THERE'S MORE
GOING ON HERE
THAN YOU KNOW
MUCH MORE!

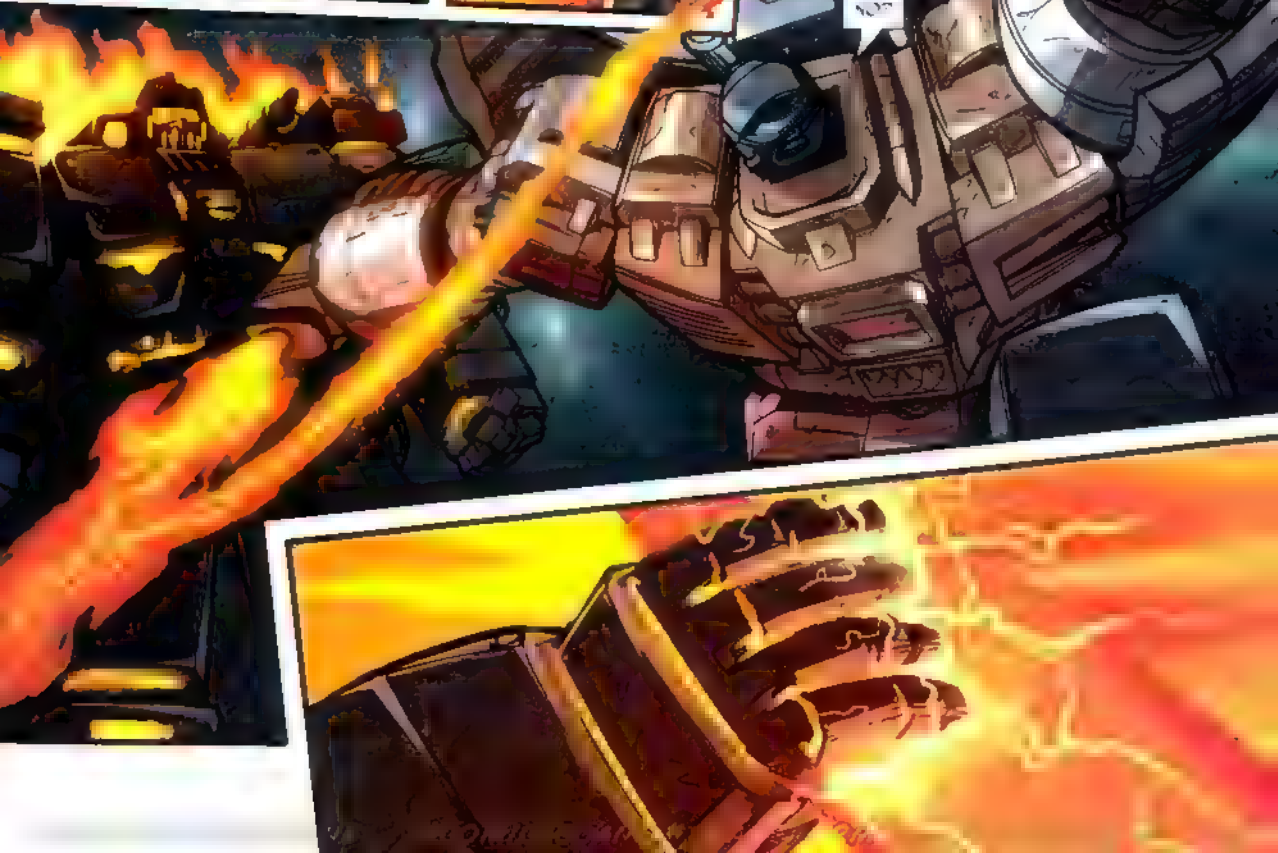
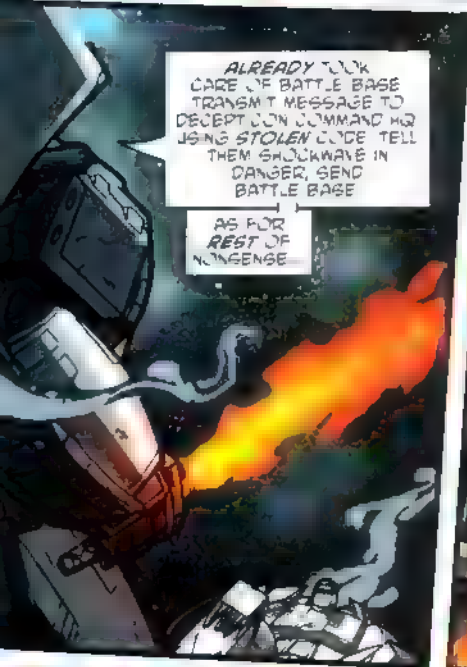
YOU MUST HAVE
NOTICED THE SUDDEN
ESCALATION THERE'S
THAT DECEPT CON BATTLE-
BASE FOR A START!

DON'T YOU SEE?
WE'RE BEING PULLED THIS
WAY AND THAT, A RUMOR
HERE, A LEAK THERE
MANEUVERED INTO...

FORGET YOU
AND ME AND THAT
MISUNDERSTANDING

THOSE THREE
THAT ATTACKED US,
THEY'RE WORKING FOR
SOMEONE SOMEONE
WHO...

HH!
LISTEN!





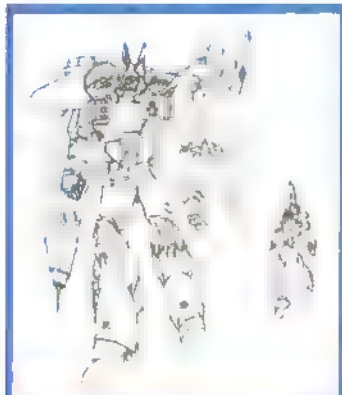
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DECLARATIONS OF WAR

Remember our "Design a War Within Transformer" art contest? It seems like you all do, because we've gotten a ton of awesome entries for it! So, let's not waste space on words when we can show some of the art ...



"CYCLOPS & NIGHTSNEER" by JOSH NECLINE



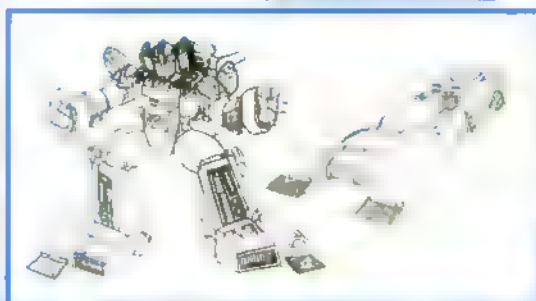
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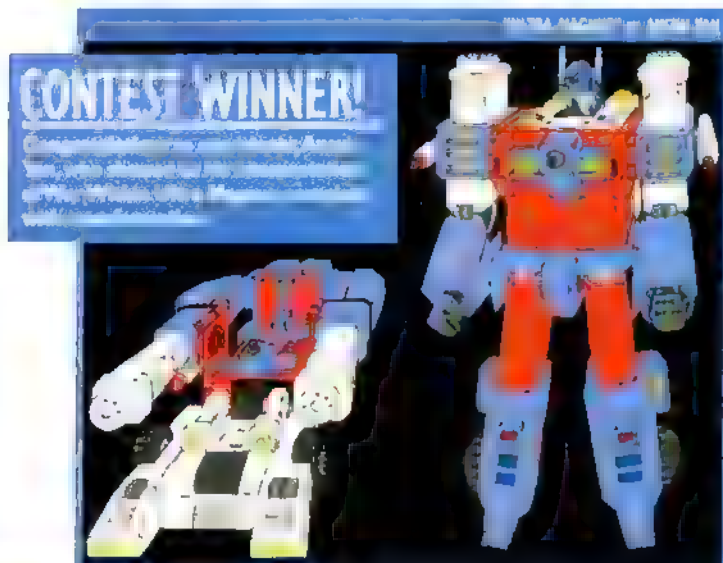
"GALVATRON" by STEPHEN BENG



"DANCE" by SAM BINSKY



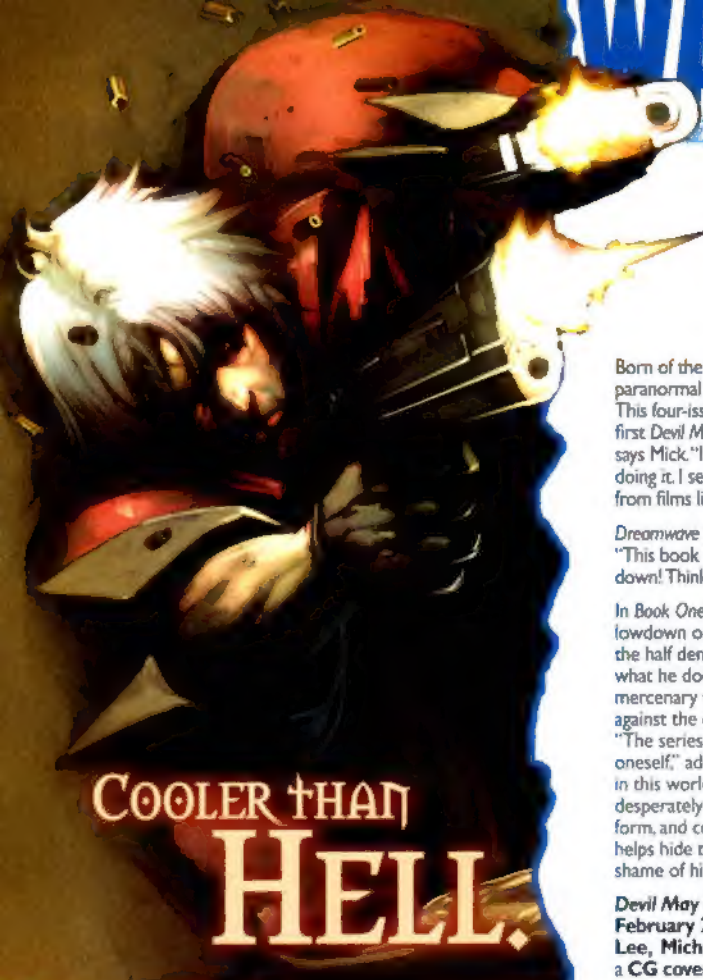
"SUNSTREAMER" by CHAD OLSTED



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COOLER THAN HELL.

DEVIL MAY CRY: "COOLER THAN HELL"

Dante leaps from the video game screen this **February 2004** and onto the comic pages of *Dreamwave's* new series, **DEVIL MAY CRY**. Tackling the adventures of Capcom's stylish mercenary are the **TRANSFORMERS: GENERATION ONE** team of **Brad Mick** and **Pat Lee**! Brad Mick's motto for writing the series: "If it moves, shoot it... and if it's still moving, then kick it 'til its teeth come out the back of its skull!"

Born of the demonic lineage, Dante is a gun-toting merc specializing in the paranormal who constantly struggles to maintain control of his supernatural side. This four-issue limited series will loosely chronicle Dante's adventures from the first *Devil May Cry* video game. "I want this to be THE 'rock-n-roll' comic book," says Mick. "It's got to have tons of hardcore action and look damned good while doing it. I see this book as the perfect vehicle to translate the energy and action from films like *Blade* and *The Matrix* into comic book form."

Dreamwave President and series penciler Pat Lee is just as excited about the series: "This book is action-packed with some serious depth that will flip you upside down! Think of *Matrix* meets *Lord of the Rings* with a smack of a demon's hand."

In *Book One: 'Evil Woman'*, Trish gets the lowdown on the enigmatic Dante as we watch the half demon, half human gun-for-hire do what he does best – but is it enough when this mercenary with a mouth goes blow-for-blow against the demon lord known as Phantom? "The series will cover one's ability to accept oneself," adds Mick, "as well as how nothing in this world is truly black and white. Dante desperately struggles to contain his demonic form, and conversely, his 'cool guy' attitude helps hide the pain for the loss of his family and shame of his demonic heritage."

Devil May Cry #1 is set to hit comic stores in **February 2004**, and will feature covers by **Pat Lee**, **Michael Turner**, and **Jae Lee**, as well as a **CG** cover for gamers.



HOT THIS MONTH:



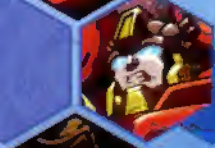
MAXIMUS #1



DUEL MASTERS #3



TRANSFORMERS: GENERATION ONE (ONGOING) #1



TRANSFORMERS: ENERGEN #19



TRANSFORMERS: G.I. JOE #5



TRANSFORMERS: WAR WITHIN - THE DARK AGES #4



Yesssss, my turn at *Wavelengths*! Well, all I can say is that it has been a wicked year for everyone here at *Dreamwave*. I've recently taken on the position of Art Director, and since then, I cannot express how great it is to have a say in the creative process of our comics. From working with all our in-house artists daily, to the artists we have from all around the world, it's great to be able to feed off of each other's ideas, and hopefully to challenge each other creatively to give the fans the best product we can.

We have some really cool projects coming up in the new year. Of course we're all waiting for *Devil May Cry* and Pat Lee's secret project, which I will be helping out on. I have to say that working on *Transformers* has been a dream come true for me, coming from a *Transformers* generation. That is the main reason for me wanting to be part of the *Dreamwave* crew! Seeing those first Optimus and Megatron posters really made me say, "This is definitely where I want to work!"

FROM THE DESK OF ROB RUFFOLO

TITLE: Art Director
CURRENT PROJECTS: All of them! Phew!
PAST PROJECTS: Colors for *TF: War Within Vol. 1* & *TMNT*
FAVORITE TUNES: Almost anything.
FAVORITE TRANSFORMER: Wheeljack, role model to Italian robots everywhere.
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO: Play "Plinko" on *The Price is Right*

What possibly could be better than living out your childhood dreams when you're an adult? The feedback has been amazing not only from fans but also the common person who just remembers what *Transformers* are.

Another thing I've really enjoyed is receiving all the artists' submissions. It's great to see all the different types of art, and all the talent out there. I really encourage anyone send their work to me, because at least then I can try to help out, give feedback, and of course we always need new talent right?

Anyways, I'm out, it's the end of the column so until next time, peace.

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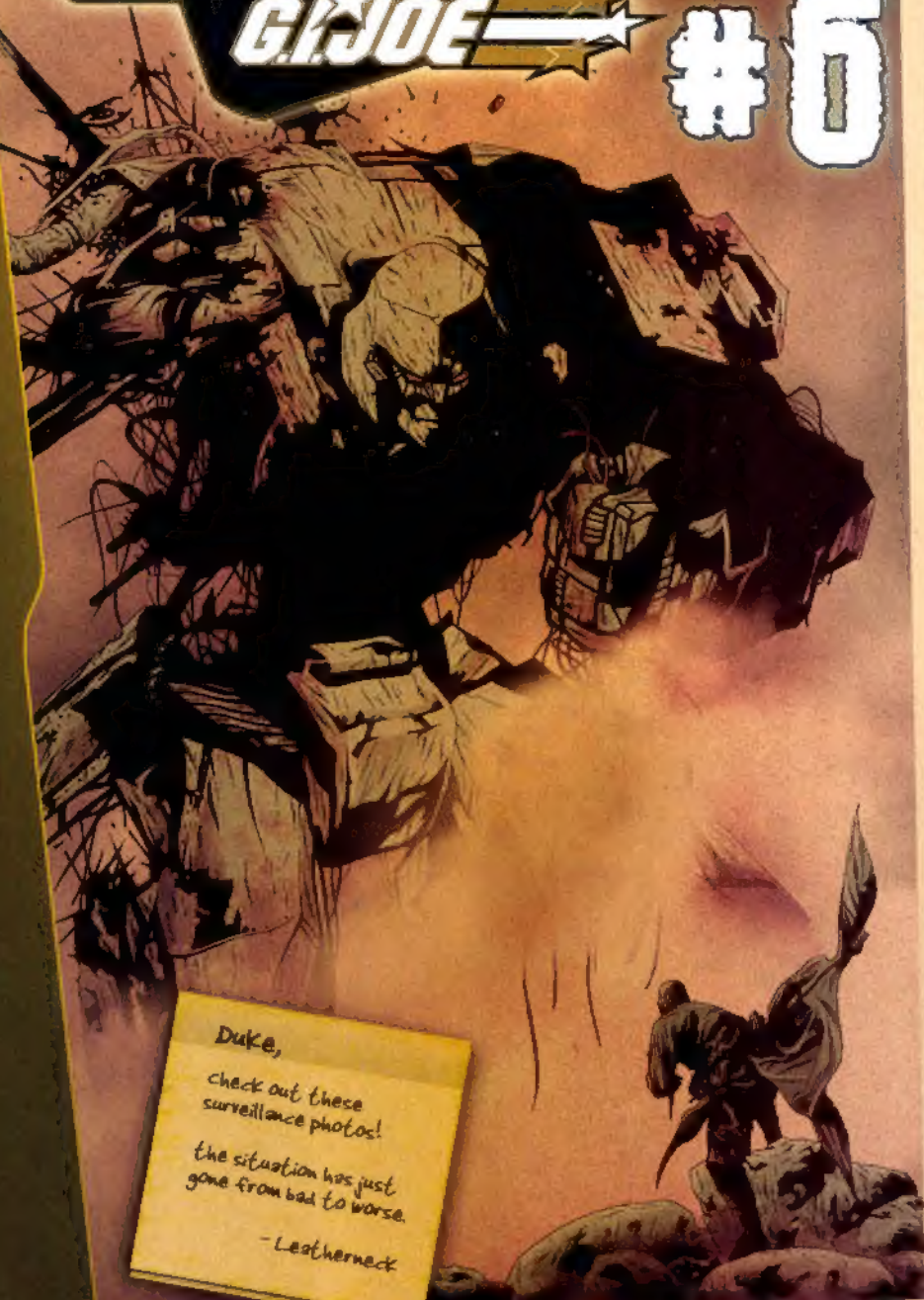
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Duke,
check out these
surveillance photos!
the situation has just
gone from bad to worse.
- Leatherneck

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Jae Lee

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